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SUBJECT: THIRD EAST-WEST EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE CANCELLED.

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1. THE THIRD EAST-WEST EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE, WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1976, APPARENTLY HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE FOUR EUROPEAN WORKER MEMBERS OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY AT THE RECENT SESSION IN GENEVA. ACCORDING TO IRVING BROWNN AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, THIS CANCELLATION RESULTED FROM OPPOSITION TO THE MEETING LED BY GERMAN DGB WORKER REPRESENTATIVE GERD MUHR AND THE NORWEGIAN WORKER DELEGATE SUNDE.

2. BROWN ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY TO THE EMBASSY'S

LABOR ATTACHE ON MUHR'S LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. DGB SOURCES CLAIM MUHR'S SUCCESS WAS FACILITATED BY MORE SUPPORT THAN USUAL FROM SCANDINAVIAN UNIONS.

3. COMMENT: THIS AFFIRMATIVE INITIATIVE BY THE GERMAN

DGB AND NORWEGIAN WORKER REPRESENTATIVES ON CANCELLING THIS EAST-WEST EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE, LONG OPPOSED BY THE AFL-CIO, ALSO MAY HAVE FAVORABLE REPRE-

CUSSIONS ON CURRENT US EFFORTS IN THE ILO.

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